

[a] the single body comprised of a top hollow mating half having [a] the pivotable inlet therein and a bottom hollow mating half having [a] the shower spray outlet therein;

the top hollow mating half and the bottom hollow mating half being held together by matching threads formed at mating ends thereof;

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cont. a water filter assembly having an annular chamber with a plurality of inlet openings and a plurality of exit openings and a filter media held therein; the water filter assembly being secured in an internal chamber formed by the top hollow mating half and the bottom hollow mating half; and

means in the internal chamber for directing flow of water from the pivotable inlet into the internal chamber, through the water filter and out of the shower spray outlet.

[Claim 3, line 1, before "spray", insert --shower--.

11. (Amended) A showerhead comprising [in combination]:

a single body containing a pivotable inlet, a shower filter and a shower spray outlet;

A₂ [a] the single body comprised of a top hollow mating half having a recessed annular housing portion having [a] the pivotable inlet held therein, and a bottom hollow mating half having [a] the shower spray outlet therein;

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the top hollow mating half and the bottom hollow mating half being held together by matching threads formed at mating ends thereof and forming an internal chamber;

A₂ a water filter assembly having an annular chamber with a plurality of inlet openings and a plurality of exit openings and a filter media held therein; the water filter assembly being secured in the internal chamber between annular wall portions formed in the internal chamber; and

baffle elements held in the internal chamber, on opposed sides of a dividing wall formed in the water filter assembly, for directing flow of water from the pivotable inlet through the plurality of inlet openings, out the plurality of exit openings, and through the shower spray outlet.

16. (Amended) A showerhead comprising [in combination]:

a single body containing a pivotable inlet, a shower filter and a shower spray outlet;

A₃ [a] the single body being substantially cylindrical [body] and having a top hollow mating half with a recessed annular housing portion having [a] the pivotable inlet held therein, and a bottom hollow mating half having a massage head held therein;

the top hollow mating half and the bottom hollow mating half having end portions formed thereon, which end portions are screwed together so as to form an internal chamber;

[A] a water filter assembly held in the internal chamber, between annular wall portions;

the water filter assembly having an annular chamber with filter media held therein and a central open area bounded by inner walls; a dividing wall held in the central open area to separate the inner walls into upper and lower portions; a plurality of inlet openings and a plurality of exit openings in the annular chamber;

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a first baffle element held in the internal chamber, on an upstream side of the dividing wall;

a second baffle element held in the internal chamber on a downstream side of the dividing wall; and

the first baffle element and the second baffle element cooperating with upper and lower surfaces of the dividing wall to direct flow of water from the pivotable inlet, around upper portions of the inner walls into the plurality of inlet openings, through the filter media, out the plurality of exit openings, around the lower portions of the inner walls and through the massage head.

REMARKS

First, it is noted that the drawings as filed in this application were approved by the Office Draftsperson;

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